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## JONES' DYNAMIC FORCE DRIVES CLUB UPWARD

Fielder a Baseball Wizard; Great Student.

By Bart Howard.

The sensational spurt of the St. Louis Browns, who have won fourteen straight games, is the one really dramatic chapter of this season's diamond history. Two weeks ago the Browns were in their chronic niche—seventh place—hopelessly out of the running. They are now on the heels of Washington, a mere breath behind Detroit, and separated from first place by less than eight games. In short, the American league race is now a seven-horse race, with the Browns apparently as likely to carry off the prize as any other of the contestants. It is a real, sure-enough party, that which the Johnson circuit is giving this presidential year.

How have the Browns done it? What's the explanation for their meteoric rise for more than half the season and now their sudden blinding sweep toward the top? There hasn't been a change of face in this blazing change of pace. There has been no repairing, no refurbishing, no polishing up by purchases or trade. The team that couldn't win now can't lose. How do you dope it?

The Answer, Jones. Well, Bo, there's no algebraic in this baffling but beautiful equation. The secret is brilliantly conspicuous as an engagement solitaire. The answer is Jones. Or to elaborate, it is Fielder Jones. If you want to be verbose about it, you can write your ticket Fielder Alanson Jones, manager of the St. Louis Browns. And there you have it, from alpha to omega, from exordium to peroration, from genesis to revelation, inclusive.

"Ah, yes," observes one prominent and well known friend, the Duchess, "but, pray, who is Jones?" Stop, look and listen, dear lady, and you shall know. Jones is a paradox. He is mystery and ingenueness. He is taciturnity and garrulity. He is fire and ice. He is familiar as a candidate and as reserved as a mandarin. He is everything in the blooming catalog of contradiction. And he is the greatest baseball genius the game has developed. The Browns are winning simply because Jones is at the helm.

That 1906 Drive. This drive of the Browns is not without precedent. Jones is simply living up to past performance. Jones is simply repeating Jones history. If you'll browse among the evergreen fields of reminiscence you will come, after a decade of philandering, to the memorable year of 1906—memorable solely because of Jones. He was then piloting Comiskey's White Sox, an aggregation that had an imposing sweat average of minus whatever you will. "The Hittless Wonders," as you doubtless recall. The spring and early summer of that immortal 1906 were much like the winter of discontent from which the Browns have, but lately, emerged. Then, at the toothless finish of July, ignored by the dopesters, despised by their adversaries, this tat-



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tered hand of Sebastian refugees strung to arms, and before the enemy knew what happened, the erstwhile lowly White Sox grabbed off nineteen uninterrupted victories. They stormed trench after trench, finally enveloping Jennings' Tigers, copped the pennant and then rode rough-shod over into the world's championship over Frank Chance's Iron Guard of Brandenburg.

Will he duplicate in 1916? Can these Browns, without a star of the magnitude in their frontment, unless it be Sully, who is still a pupil with much to learn, with a yawning hole in their outfield, without lustre in their infield, with an ordinary pitching staff, without a first-string catcher, unless the awkward Severed has developed—can these classless Browns swing out from the fastest in the annals? It would be a large, impatient and rancorous "No" except for Jones. But with Jones in the dugout you can dismiss the precedents, ditch the formulae, remake the dope books and admit the impossible is more than likely to occur.

How does Jones do it? The answer is, he knows more baseball than any other living man. He knows the capacity of every man on his team, not only in an average way, but under the stress of emergency. He will send up a pinch hitter, for example, and if he sees that the opposing pitcher has the pitcher's goat, he will substitute another batsman. He will switch and maneuver till the press box has hydrophobia and the next day, perhaps, he will play the string out without a variation. Why this bewildering mutation one day and never a change the next nobody knows but Jones. But Jones knows, and his players know he knows. His judgment is unquestioned. His slightest order is obeyed. He spares no one, least of all himself, and takes all the responsibility when he loses. He is the hardest loser in baseball, but never offers alibi.

Players Swear by Him. They say he is merciless with his men, but the players themselves swear by him. And the audience often misconstrues his tactics. For example

1916 Spurt Similar to Historic Run in 1906.

Early this season in a game at Chicago Weidman had breezed along bowling over the White Sox with dazzling regularity. He had a 3-1 lead when Felsch opened the seventh with a singing smash and in a twinkling the Rowlands had tied it up with Collins on third and Jackson at bat. Jones strode over to the base line, beckoned to Weidman, muttered a word or two and walked back to the bench. Weidman fanned Jackson.

What do you suppose Jones said to Weidman? This is what he said: "When I was in college I played football. I liked it, too. It's a fighting game." That's all he said. It was all Weidman needed.

Great Team in 1906. To go back to 1906, Jones had a great team that year even if he couldn't hit. He had the class catcher of the league in Billy Sullivan. He had two great left-handed hitters in Altrack and Doc White, and he had three great right-handed hitters in Ed Walsh, Ed Healy and Ed Collins. He had himself in centerfield, and he had a demon on the defense. And he had Jiggs Donahue at firstbase, a dashing fielder, the one hitter with the pumel and a remarkable personality. That was the strength of his team. He made a fortune for Comiskey; he made himself the dominant diamond figure and he made baseball history. Then he quit, but last year came back by way of the St. Louis Browns and thence to the management of the Browns.

Today he has no catcher like Sullivan. He is his own pitching staff, for Jones pitches every ball his pitchers pitch except when Eddie Plank is in the box. He has a wonderful young player in Sully at first, a routine second baseman in Pratt, who, however, can hit; the erratic Austin at third, and Lavan or Johnson at short, as the situation requires. Shotton in left is a sterling ball player and Marsans in center is good enough for any team, but in right he is without major league service. The veteran Plank, now past 40, cannot take a regular turn, being at his best, say, once a week. But young Koob seems to have come into form recently, and Davenport's performance in pitching New York down with nine hits in a doubleheader is the endurance exhibition of the year. But he has no twirler of maximum caliber like Johnson or Ruth of Boston or Morton of Cleveland or Cullum of New York.

The individual force of the Browns is in Jones. He is the ablest diamond general, the game's coolest student, a wonder and a winner.

BRAVES LOSE PROTEST ON GAME WITH CHICAGO

BOSTON, Aug. 5.—The protest of the Boston Nationals against a decision of Empire Faxon in a game here with Chicago July 25, which the Braves claimed cost them the contest, has been dismissed by President Tener of the league, according to an announcement today by President Haughton of the local club. The league executive ruled that the umpire's decision which gave Zimmerman of Chicago three bases and a run on a throw in to the dugout back of firstbase was correct.

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### LOOK WHO COMES!

THE hottest baseball series of the year locally is expected to open tomorrow when the Denton Railroaders will come for three games with Baerwald's Senators. The Railroaders and Senators always have been rivals, and games between these two teams have never failed to produce thrills. In their last series, played at Denton, an 11-inning battle followed by a 12-round struggle came in three games, both of the extra-inning affairs being won by Oklahoma City.

## MORAN BUYS A HOUSE IN TULSA AND GETS BUSY

By B. A. B.

Frank Moran, who has come down to Oklahoma to train for his fifteenth round bout with Carl Morris Labor Day, has literally moved to the boom state out Tulsa, a correspondent informs us.

Although he has been in Oklahoma just two days, Frank Moran has, for the time being, become a full-fledged citizen of Tulsa. He has bought a five-room cottage in the section of Tulsa, where he will have his training camp, and also has purchased an automobile.

Will Work Hard. Moran will house his retinue of trainers and sparring partners at the cottage he bought. He plans to get in several hours a day at hard outside work, also to do a little exhibition work daily in a downtown gymnasium for the benefit of the public. Moran realizes that he has no easy opponent in Carl Morris, and he knows to be in the best fighting trim of his career when he steps into the ring. Frank will use great care in his training, as he does not intend to make the mistake he did when he met Willard—overtrain.

It is to be the simple life for Frank from now until he meets Morris. To a Tulsa newspaper writer Moran made the following statement:

Moran's Program. "I am going to spend very little time around the bright lights. I intend to stay close to that little cottage out in the sticks. I am going to eat fried chicken and drink buttermilk from a farm nearby. I am going to bed at 8 o'clock each night and get up with the sun, so as to be out on the road in the morning before it gets hot. In the afternoon I will run to town and do some bag punching and exhibition work."

The veteran, Willie Lewis, has charge of Frank's training camp at Tulsa.

## WAUGH PUTS K. O. ON ANDY SMITH

FORT WORTH, Texas, Aug. 5.—Bobby Waugh of Fort Worth knocked out Andy Smith of Oklahoma City, here last night in the sixth round of a scheduled fifteen-round bout. The men are lightweights. The bout was even until Waugh landed the Kayo wallow

## TWO MORE SPEED STARS ENTER IN FAIR AUTO RACES

Cliff Woodbury and John Mais Latest Entrants; Total Brought to Six.

Two more entries were added to the list for the auto races at the State Fair, Secretary L. S. Mahan announced today.

Cliff Woodbury, who drives a Duesenberg and John Mais of the Maxwell racing team, are the latest to enter. This brings the total up to six, including Eddie Heame, Tommy Milton, Art Klen and Elfeida Mais, the first woman driver to race on the local track.

Automobile fans will be well taken care of at the State Fair this year. Much interest has been manifested by dealers in the auto show and more cars than ever before will be represented here.

The exhibition space in the building is completely filled, and several firms have arranged for space in large tents adjoining the building, to house their displays. The following cars will be on display: Buick, Cadillac, Mitchell, Chrysler, Dodge, Willys-Knight, Saxon, Hudson, Overland, Paige, National, Hupmobile, Velie, Dorr, Chevrolet, Buick, Dorr, Pullman, Detroit and Rex.

## ERROR BY BLUE CAUSES DEFEAT

Failure to Make Double Play in Ninth Followed by 5 Sherman Runs.

Johnny Blue's error in the ninth inning paved the way for Sherman's 6-1 victory over the Senators yesterday. One was out and a runner was on first when Blue drove a grounder at Blue for what looked like a tailor-made double play. Johnny messed up the play and Sherman then proceeded to bat in five runs. The Senators' only run came on Nagle's double and Baerwald's single in the sixth.

	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Young, cf.	3	1	3	4	0	0
Smith, 1b.	4	0	1	0	0	0
Sullivan, 2b.	4	1	0	0	0	0
Leach, 3b.	3	0	0	0	2	1
Plank, 4b.	4	1	2	0	0	0
Payne, ss.	4	1	0	0	0	0
Dove, c.	4	1	2	0	0	0
Phelps, p.	4	1	0	0	0	0
McKee, p.	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	27	6	11	27	2	1

  

	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Sherran, 1b.	4	0	0	1	0	0
Storrs, 2b.	3	0	1	0	0	0
Payne, 3b.	3	0	1	0	0	0
Nagle, 4b.	3	1	1	0	0	0
Reid, 5b.	4	0	1	0	0	0
Bliss, ss.	4	0	1	0	0	0
Dunsmuir, 6b.	3	0	0	0	0	0
Dove, c.	3	0	1	0	0	0
Smith, p.	4	0	1	0	0	0
McKee, p.	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	31	1	5	11	0	0

\*McKee batted for Smith in ninth.  
By innings: Sherman 100 100 005-6; Oklahoma City 000 001 000-1.

## The Spotlight

Ducking a Query. Ask me who will win the war—Whether stocks will rise or fall! How to play some course in golf! Or when peace will have the call! Ask me how to wipe out sin, Now upon this earth a ban! BUT, Don't ask me who will win the pennant, Ask me how to pitch to Cobb, Ask me how to write a play, You will find me on the job With an answer sane and sure! Ask me when the war will stop, And exactly in what manner, BUT, Don't ask me who will grab the flag.

Ten Years and Now. When Fielder Jones launched his Browns, neck deep in seventh place, for their latest drive, he must have indulged himself in a dream that wandered back ten years. For it was just ten summers ago that Jones started his White Sox from seventh place toward the pennant. For the first three months of the flag ensemble no one had figured the White Sox at all. They were down at the foot, flapping along with a club batting average of .219. And then something happened. Before they were over, checked the Sox had won 19 straight games and were leading the league. So being in seventh place failed to worry Fielder Jones. He had been there before late in July only to win a world championship in October. And if the trick was not impossible then, it is not impossible now. The leader and the ball club that refuses to quit in seventh place is not to be treated with any great amount of contempt or scorn.

The Big Edge. If the four western clubs in the American league can remain within close grappling distance of the top through August they will carry a big advantage. For they put in most of September at home—and they will face easier competition through this closing stretch. Suppose Boston starts west in September a game or two ahead. Boston will then have to wend up away from home against Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland and St. Louis while her leading western rival or rivals will be fighting at home against Philadelphia, Washington, New York and Boston. By September the Yanks should have most of their crimples and they may still be high enough in the running to continue a hard fight. In spite of this the big closing advantage will be with the west.

"The Old Order Changeth." "The old order changeth," observes a Biblical injunction, "giving way to the new." How about this—Christy Mathews with the Red? Frank Schultz with the Pirates? Slim Sallee with the Giants?

After a Record? In 1904 the Washington club lost 115 games, smashing all American league records for defeats in one season. Are the wily Mackmen on the trail of this record? With sixty games left they still have a chance, not only to equal it but to beat it by several strides. At the rate the Mackmen have been moving for the last two months they are almost sure to drop 120 games before the agony ends in October.

There is one record that is still safe. In 1899 the Cleveland club lost 134 games. Connie will have to sell or can Bush, Myers, Strunk and McInnis to go under this eminent mark.

The war of the Red and White Sox has been over for a good many years, but the battle of the Red and White Sox is still raging with increasing fury.

SMITH'S HARD LUCK. LITTLE SMITH should have scored a double yesterday yet he lost by 5 to 1. Not a single earned run can be registered in the official score. The first run scored against Smith resulted when Dowie dropped Nagle's throw from the outfield. Then in the ninth with one down, Blue had a chance to retire the Lions with a double play, but spoiled it. After this came the Sherman bombardment, which resulted in five runs.

BASEBALL FIGURES. Western Association Standing. W. L. Pct. Oklahoma City 31 17 .646; Denver 28 20 .583; Salt Lake 27 21 .563; Portland 26 22 .542; Boise 25 23 .521; Reno 24 24 .500; Tucson 23 25 .479; Helena 22 26 .458; Butte 21 27 .437; Spokane 20 28 .416; Yakima 19 29 .395; Everett 18 30 .374; Bellingham 17 31 .353; Olympia 16 32 .332; Tacoma 15 33 .311; Seattle 14 34 .290; Vancouver 13 35 .269; Everett 12 36 .248; Bellingham 11 37 .227; Olympia 10 38 .206; Tacoma 9 39 .185; Seattle 8 40 .164; Vancouver 7 41 .143; Everett 6 42 .122; Bellingham 5 43 .101; Olympia 4 44 .079; Tacoma 3 45 .058; Seattle 2 46 .037; Vancouver 1 47 .016; Everett 0 48 .000.

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## COBB STILL ON TRAIL OF TRIS; HORNSBY GAINS

Ty, Tris and Joe Three American Leaders; Robertson Increases Lead.

CHICAGO, Aug. 5.—Ty Cobb continues his close pursuit of Tris Speaker for American league batting honors, with Joe Jackson hanging on to third place, according to averages including records of Wednesday's games, published here today. Cobb leads in stolen bases with 37; Weaver, Chicago, in sacrifice hits with 29; Baker, New York, in home runs with 8; Jackson in total bases with 190. Speaker in runs scored with 22, and Detroit in club batting with 250. The leading batters, counting only those who have played in half the games of their clubs:

Crawford, 318; Speaker, Cleveland, 308; Cobb, Detroit, 300; Jackson, Chicago, 300; Crawford, Detroit, 318; Roth, Cleveland, 300; Burns, Detroit, 300; Sisler, St. Louis, 297; Felsch, Chicago, 295; Hobbins, Boston, 290; Numanaker, New York, 288; Hugh, New York, 288.

Leading pitchers for seventeen of more games: W. L. Pct. C. G. Young, New York, 11 1.51; R. F. Felsch, Detroit, 11 1.51; E. J. Connor, Chicago, 10 1.50; L. H. Glavin, Boston, 10 1.50; M. J. Ryan, Boston, 10 1.50; J. H. Weaver, Chicago, 9 1.50; R. H. Bell, Chicago, 9 1.50; B. B. McKittrick, Boston, 9 1.50; J. H. Weaver, Chicago, 9 1.50; R. H. Bell, Chicago, 9 1.50; B. B. McKittrick, Boston, 9 1.50.

Hornsby Gaining. Both Robertson, still in the lead, and Danbert, his closest rival, increased their averages in the National. Carey, Pittsburgh, ran his stolen base total up to 31. Clark, Chicago, is ahead in sacrifice hits with 29; Williams, Chicago, in home runs with 10; Hornsby, St. Louis, in total bases with 160; Danbert, in runs scored with 38, and Brooklyn in team hitting with 258.

Leading batters: Robertson, New York, 348; Danbert, Brooklyn, 326; Long, St. Louis, 319; Chase, Cincinnati, 318; Wagner, Pittsburgh, 318; Hornsby, St. Louis, 315; Zimmerman, Chicago, 306; Schulte, Chicago-Pittsburgh, 300; Whitted, Philadelphia, 298; Wheat, Brooklyn, 297.

Pfeiffer Climbing. Leading pitchers for seventeen of more games: W. L. Pct. Hughes, Boston, 12 2.44; Pfeiffer, Brooklyn, 12 2.44; Alexander, Philadelphia, 12 2.44; Denton, New York, 12 2.44; Gumbel, Brooklyn, 12 2.44; Jones, Philadelphia, 12 2.44; Mathews, Pittsburgh, 12 2.44; Schulte, Chicago-Pittsburgh, 12 2.44; Whitted, Philadelphia, 12 2.44; Wheat, Brooklyn, 12 2.44.

Larry Chappelle Ahead. Chappelle, Columbus holds the lead among American association batters. Thorpe, Milwaukee, is leading base stealers with 26. Bradley, Columbus, in sacrifice hits with 26; Becker, Kansas City; Kraft, Milwaukee; and Gilbert, Kansas City, in home runs with 8 each; Demmitt, Columbus, in total bases with 161; and Dolan, Indianapolis, in runs scored with 61. Kansas City leads in club batting with 270.

Leading batters: Chappelle, Columbus, 331; Hardgrave, Kansas City, 321; Becker, Kansas City, 321; Stovall, Toledo, 318; Brall, Milwaukee, 315; Dell, Kansas City, 313; Smith, St. Paul, 311; Daniels, Louisville, 309; Lewis, Kansas City, 302; Evans, Toledo, 296.

Denver Holds Honors. Denver monopolizes most of the honors in the Western league for games, including last Thursday. Butcher has climbed to first place among the batters and leads in total bases with 195. His manager, Rebel Oakes, is in second place among the batters. Shields, Denver, leads in stolen bases with 26; Kelliher, Denver, in sacrifice hits with 26, and in runs scored with 25; and Dyer, Denver, in home runs with 12. Denver leads in club batting with 297.

Leading batters: Butcher, Denver, 346; Oakes, Denver, 345; Gilmore, Sioux City, 343; Johnson, Lincoln, 340; Gray, Wichita, 332; Kelliher, Denver, 326; Connolly, Sioux City, 324; Livingston, Sioux City, 322; Miller, Omaha, 320; Cataline, Lincoln, 315.

Rumler Heads List. In the Southern association Rumler of Little Rock leads the batters and also is ahead in home runs with 8. Wares, Little Rock, is leading base stealers with 29; Sheehan, Nashville, in sacrifice hits with 34; and Harris, Chattanooga, in total bases with 173 and in runs scored with 63. Little Rock is ahead in club batting with 270.